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EVENT: Sentence

Defendant: William Koskos

FORMER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AGENT SENTENCED

A former Revenue Agent for the Internal Revenue Service was sentenced today to three years probation, with six months of home confinement, after pleading guilty to illegally receiving gifts, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

William Koskos, 58, of St. Clair Shores, was sentenced by United States District Judge Patrick Duggan.

Koskos pleaded guilty in July 2005 to one count of Unlawful Acts of a Revenue Officer. The offense arose from Kosko's role in collecting an outstanding tax debt owed by Hudson Construction, Inc. At the time of his plea, Koskos admitted to the Court that while collecting the debt, he became friends with William Hudson, Jr., the owner of Hudson Construction. Between 1997 and 2000, Koskos admitted that he accepted gifts of free golf at Indianwood Country Club and Wyndgate Country Club, and dined at Hudson's expense on many occasions. In addition, Hudson gave Koskos a cashiers check for \$14,900.00, which he used toward the purchase of a automobile. Koskos acknowledged that the gifts adversely affected

his collection activities relative to Hudson Construction's delinquent tax liabilities.

United States Attorney Murphy said, "Due to the nature of the work performed by the Internal Revenue Service the integrity of its agents is of utmost importance. Our office will aggressively fight corruption in government even if it involves a federal agent. Federal agents must be held to the highest standard."

This case was investigated by agents of the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Engstrom.